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—has a profound lesson to learn
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MEMORANDUM TO ALL COUNTIES, SECTIONS AND CLUBS

SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF "THE SECRET OF SOVIET STRENGTH"
New book by the Dean of Canterbury

This memorandum is designed to assist the county, section and club organization in working out and developing their own local campaign for the mass distribution of the new book by the Dean of Canterbury.

The Moscow and Terehan conferences plus the astounding offensive of the Red Army have raised the interests of the American People in the Soviet Union to a high pitch. It is, therefore, fortunate that at this time there is made available this new book by the Dean of Canterbury.

The first book of the Dean's, "The Soviet Power" was sold in millions of copies in our country. In New York, including all editions, over 350,000 copies were sold. The readers of this book look forward to a new book and are ready not only to buy the book themselves but to help in the mass distribution of the book. Our aim must be to involve many people in this task and our objective should be to better the excellent job done with "The Soviet Power."

In "THE SECRET OF SOVIET STRENGTH" - the Dean takes his readers behind the scenes to reveal the sources of the political, economic and military might of the U.S.S.R. which is today rolling up a magnificent record of achievement on the Eastern Front. This book tells how and why these achievements are possible. It describes in human and dramatic terms the Soviet system and how it works. It winds up with an inspiring last chapter proving that the miracles of Soviet strength could not have been achieved without the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Below is a complete table of contents to better familiarize you with the book.

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APRIL 9, 1943

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* SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING *
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* TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 8:30 P.M. *
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* INTERESTING SPEAKER *
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* Open Meeting - Bring Your Friends *
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Wipe Those Tears Away -
THERE WILL BE A UNITED MAY DAY
CELEBRATION!

Get ready for the biggest united labor rally ever held in the City of New York. YANKEE STADIUM is the place. Sunday - MAY 2nd, is the time.

Tickets are available at the Club. Start making up parties NOW to attend this most vital labor celebration of the year. The UNITED MAY DAY RALLY at Yankee Stadium can build a strong and blazing fire under the appeasers - the wrecking crew bent on destroying our war effort - the Hitlerites at home and abroad.

EVERYBODY OUT - AND ONCE AGAIN
LET LABOR'S VOICE BE HEARD IN
ALL ITS STRENGTH - FOR VICTORY
AND PROGRESS!

As the result of Sol Rheinstein's able presentation of the Jewish problem at our last meeting, a chapter of the Jewish People's Committee is being formed on the East Side. More later.

WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS - and they had a swell time at our Spring Festival party - but where were you? The Army and Navy were well represented. Kenneth Spencer was there, in excellent voice. The band was going strong. The House and Cultural Committees fixed a swell party - for you and you and you. But lots of you weren't there. Several of our guests

8th A.D. CLUB SPONSORING
62nd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FOR
COMRADE ISRAEL AMTER APRIL 22nd

On Thursday, April 22nd, our Club will have the privilege of presenting as guest speaker Comrade Israel Amter. Chairman of the N.Y. State Committee of the Communist Party, resident of our Assembly District, this staunch fighter of the working class, has earned the love and respect of vast sections of the East Side. On April 22nd, representatives of various groups in our neighborhood will greet Comrade Amter at our Club.

We asked Comrade Amter what he would like for his birthday. "The finest birthday present for me would be to celebrate with you the complete fulfillment of your recruiting drive. The finest gift for all of us - for you and for me and for the entire nation - is a strong and growing Communist Party."

OKAY, COMRADES. The time to build our Party is NOW. The way to build it is individually, member by member. All of us know that, all of us planned to bring in at least one new member by May 1st, when the drive ends officially. BUT -

How about giving Comrade Amter his birthday present? How about completing our drive one week earlier? When you consider Israel Amter's contribution to our Party and to the working class - do you think you personally can put the steam on and bring those new members in by April 22nd?

So far, only about 50 members have brought in recruits. The total stands at 60 recruits, with 40 more to go. Results from calling on Daily Worker subscribers have been excellent. We'll give you names, if you have no prospects of your own. We'll send a speaker to your home, if you have two or three people who need clarification on why they should join the Party. We'll go visiting with you, if you're bashful.

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This is "GI JOE"

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H E'S WINNING the war for us. But what he wants to know is: WHAT KIND OF AMERICA IS HE COMING BACK TO?

Will it be a land of peace and plenty? Or a nightmare of breadlines, Hoovervilles and preparations for World War III?

Will we be able to hold on to the victory that he's buying with his blood and sweat? Or will we let it slip through our fingers by political stupidity?

That's the question that's up for decision on Election Day, November 7th, 1944.

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Our Boys Are Dying 3 Months After V-J Day

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REMEMBER the victory celebrations in New York's Times Square, in Chicago's loop, in Detroit's Cadillac Square?

America rejoiced three months ago. The war was over. It appeared that the German and Japanese aggressors were defeated for all time. And our boys were coming home.

But there is again mourning in American homes today.

The first news of American casualties in China has begun to trickle through U. S. and Komingtang censorship.

American flyers are being killed in the mass transfer of 700 war planes from Burma and India to China, where they are to be used by the Komingtang dictatorship against the democratic forces of China led by the Communists.

In one flight alone nine men were killed and 11 planes crashed. We do not know how many men have already been killed in China or under what circumstances. We do not know because high American officers like Lieut. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commander of our air forces in China, refused to say.

But we know that there is anxiety in the homes of the more than 60,000 American marines and soldiers in China today.

And we know there should be anxiety in every American home. For our government is a participant in undecared war on more

than 100,000,000 Chinese people who want a chance to determine their own future in the only genuinely democratic areas of China.

Our government is waging war in order to fasten a reactionary dictatorship on the Chinese people, in order to maintain the grip of great American monopolies like Standard Oil on the economic life of China.

And the flames of this war cannot be contained within any one country or within any one continent. They will engulf the whole world unless American intervention in China is stopped at once.

Rep. Hugh De Lacy of Washington has warned, in a stirring and courageous speech on the House floor, of the danger of the Truman administration's policies in China. And together with five of his colleagues from the West Coast he is sponsoring a resolution to withdraw all American troops and military equipment from China.

This resolution can become the rallying point of a great people's movement to reverse the policy of American intervention in China.

Every progressive American should write to Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, urging public hearings on the Quilt-China resolution, and to his own Congressman demanding full support for this proposal.

More American lives must not be squandered on imperialist adventure in China.

Reprinted from Daily Worker, New York, Wednesday, November 28, 1945

SEND YOUR PROTEST TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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COMMUNIST PARTY
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Nov. 23, 1945



Dear Comrade:

The Bronx Communist Party is calling a county-wide conference of young members of the Communist Party on Thursday, Nov. 29th, at 8:30 P.M. at 125 East 170th St., with Isidore Begun, Bronx Communist Party President, and Bernard Friedland, N.Y. State C.P. Youth Director.

Our Party is now in the process of reorganization, in order to most effectively and quickly reestablish its role as the vanguard of the working class. This is in line with the decisions of our Emergency Convention which repudiated our revisionist policies and reconstituted the Communist Party in the United States.

In this reorganization, our Party is confronted with special issues, tasks, and responsibilities in regard to Communist youth and youth generally.

We would like to discuss these questions with you as well as the organizational forms which can most effectively help to carry through these tasks.

Will you, therefore, please make every effort to attend so that we can have the most fruitful discussion.

Comradely yours,

ISIDORE BEGUN
President

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61-7559-2-5/3855 Copy A WE MUST "PRESS" THE POINT

Comrade Foster, in his remarks at the recent National Committee meeting, said:

"First, we face a tremendous education problem in the sense that we have to help the masses of the American people understand that the U.S. has embarked on an imperialist policy aimed at domination of the world. The American people do not have this idea at all, and it is a very difficult one to give them". We have in our hands most powerful weapons for this task, and these are The Daily Worker and The Worker.

Many of our own comrades themselves do not yet realize the seriousness of the situations they face today. We, in the Jefferson Club, must make the building of our paper a major concentration. This means "talking" DAILY WORKER seven days a week. There isn't an issue today that we can discuss and act on intelligently without the DAILY WORKER.

Every member of our organization must become ACTIVE in this campaign. We must get rid of the very dangerous lethargy into which we had fallen in the recent past. We will not rid ourselves of revisionism unless we become ACTIVE PARTY MEMBERS.

Those members of the club who were at our last meeting and heard the delegation of Indonesian seamen describe the fight for independence could not fail to realize that their fight

TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE

COMMUNIST PARTY FOR 1946

RE - REGISTER !

(Important article on page 2!)

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could be immensely aided by a DAILY WORKER that reached an ever increasing audience. This is OUR TASK.

Here is the plan agreed to by the membership at that meeting. We feel that every comrade can and SHOULD volunteer at least three hours a month to:

1. Street sales of our press.
2. Canvassing to Ben Davis pledge signers, and to others interested in the Daily and The Worker.
3. Follow-up work on renewals.
4. Five-by-five distribution and sales -- at shops, unions, and other mass organizations.

These three hours (or MORE!) may be volunteered during week-day evenings or on Sunday mornings. THERE WILL BE SPECIAL MOBILIZATIONS AT THE CLUB on Sunday, December 9th, and on Sunday, Dec. 16th. You will not be fulfilling your role as a Communist if you fail to participate in the job of building our PRESS - which is one of our best educators and organizers.

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Hillcrest	0	0	8	0
Jackson Heights	2	4	68	57
Jamaica	1	3	76	3
Laurelton	1	1	8	2
Maspeth	1	0	8	1
Middle Village	0	0	12	0
Queensbridge	1	8	32	32
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Ridgewood	0	0	8	0
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Comrades:

November 7 is the 28th Anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. Due to the tremendous contributions the U.S.S.R. has made to victory and is now making toward the establishment of a peaceful, secure, free poster world there is widespread sympathy for and curiosity about the world's pioneer socialist country. We, the literature department, propose that this occasion be utilized by concentrating during the month of November on dissemination of literature concerning the Soviet Union. This should be done not only among our own members but on as wide a scale as possible.

We have worked out a package of literature which contains pamphlets on some of the most important aspects of Soviet life. The regular value of these pamphlets is sixty cents but the package will be sold for fifty cents. It contains:

1. Political Economy in the Soviet Union -- this is a reprint of an article which was first published in "Under the Banner of Marxism" and created a storm of comment in the capitalist press. They distorted this article to make it appear that the Soviet Union was going capitalist; Actually, this pamphlet is a scientific analysis of the economy of a socialist economy, not in the abstract but in concrete reality.
2. Religion Today in the U.S.S.R. -- by Reverend William Howard Melish. One of the most potent weapons in the arsenal of the anti-Sovieteers is their claim that no religious freedom exists in the Soviet Union. This pamphlet by one of America's leading churchmen is an answer to their lies.
3. Soviet Women -- by Rose Maurer. The position of women in a socialist society is much different than it is under capitalism. We sometimes forget that women have more to gain from the Revolution than anyone else, because they are the most oppressed group. This pamphlet illustrates this clearly.
4. The Soviet Trade Unions and Allied Labor Unity -- by William Z. Foster. Comrade Foster is not only America's leading Marxist but unquestionably the most outstanding trade union leader in the country, having been involved directly or indirectly in most of the important strikes and organizing drives for the past half century. His analysis of the trade unions is especially timely today, now the W.F.T.U. has been formed and red-baiters are attacking it on the basis of the Soviet Trade Union's membership in it.
5. Foundations of Leninism -- by Joseph Stalin. The political leader of the Soviet Union's writings on the basic principles which govern it. This is an important piece of basic literature. No one can consider himself a Communist who has not read and mastered it.

In addition to the above package, we have just received a new pamphlet by Sergei Kournakoff, called What Russia Did for Victory. Kournakoff is better known as the Veteran Commander, under which name he conducted a column in the Daily Worker. This is a factual analysis of the Soviet Unions material contributions to the defeat of Hitler and Hirohito and furnishes the best refutation of those who say that Russia could not have resisted the Nazis without lend-lease.

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Who Owns America?



By James S. Allen

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** Communist Party - Bronx County*
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Dear Comrade:

On Tuesday, Nov. 27th, the Bronx membership of our Party will have the opportunity to hear the first report of the recently concluded meeting of the National Committee of the C.P.U.S.A. This meeting has established the policy of our Party for the tremendously important period ahead of us. Coming events may determine the fate of our country and the world. You, as a member of the Bronx County organization, will have the opportunity to attend and hear Comrade Robert Thompson, State Chairman of our Party and member of the National Board, report on this plenum at the Bronx Winter Garden.

It is our country that is fomenting civil war in China and is using American troops, planes and guns. American foreign policy is sowing the seeds of another and more terrible World War. Atomic bomb diplomacy is the American diplomacy in relation to the Soviet Union.

It is the working class and its vanguard, the Communist Party, that must lead in the struggle to defeat and reverse this policy of Truman and Byrnes.

At home too, Big Business is sabotaging in peace time production, and insisting on higher prices and more profits while preparing to shackle the labor movement with anti-strike legislation. Again the working class and its vanguard the Communist Party, must lead in the struggle to defeat this policy of the men of the trusts that can only lead to economic catastrophe.

It is essential, in order that we be able to fulfill our obligations as American Communists to the nation and to the world, that we understand thoroughly the situation and be prepared to meet with honor our obligation. And this means hearing and thinking through deeply the report that Comrade Thompson will give us on Tuesday, Nov. 27th at the Bronx Winter Garden.

I trust that you will do all in your power to attend the meeting at which you will also be able to enroll for 1946 in our reconstituted Communist Party.

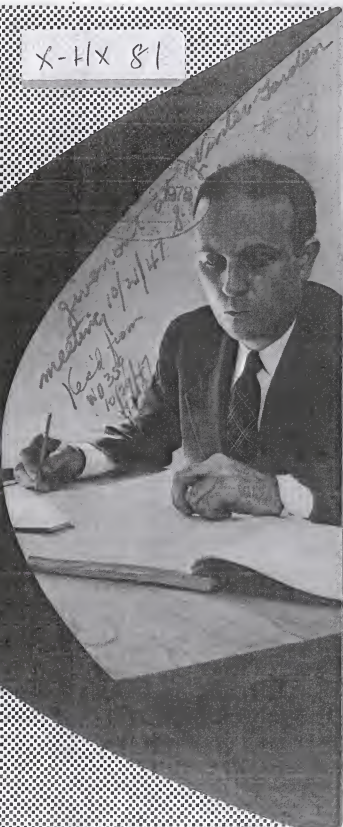
Comradely,

ISIDORE BEGUN
President

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O. K. FOR GERMANY? HOW ABOUT U. S.!

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FOR GERMANY, Secretary of State Marshall demands "a uniformly effective guarantee of the rights of free trade unions . . . the rights of free and autonomous trade unions to carry on the customary trade union activities. . . ."

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Then why do we Americans permit the existence of 240 Anti-Labor Bills in Congress!

FOR GERMANY, Marshall demands "an effective guarantee of civil rights. . . ."

Then why do we Americans permit the existence of Anti-Negro, Anti-Semitic organizations like the Ku Klux Klan! Why do we permit lynchers to go unpunished? Why do we permit 10,000,000 Negroes and Whites to be barred from voting?

FOR GERMANY, Marshall demands "a uniformly effective guarantee of the rights of political parties . . . to participate in a free and competitive election system, win adherents and obtain just representation."

Then how can we Americans permit our own Secretary of Labor, Schwelienbach, to call for legislation banning the Communist Party!

Certainly, all decent Americans will agree with Marshall's declared democratic principles, even though there may be disagreement on how to apply them to Germany now. But, we all can agree that these principles must be maintained in America!

We cannot permit fascist attacks on our liberties in our country . . . unless we want the same brand of fascism that destroyed Germany. And legislation which attacks labor, the Communist Party or any other progressive force is fascist!

Remember, Hitler couldn't bring fascism to Germany until he destroyed all those who stood for freedom of thought, speech, press and religion . . . and he attacked the Communists first!

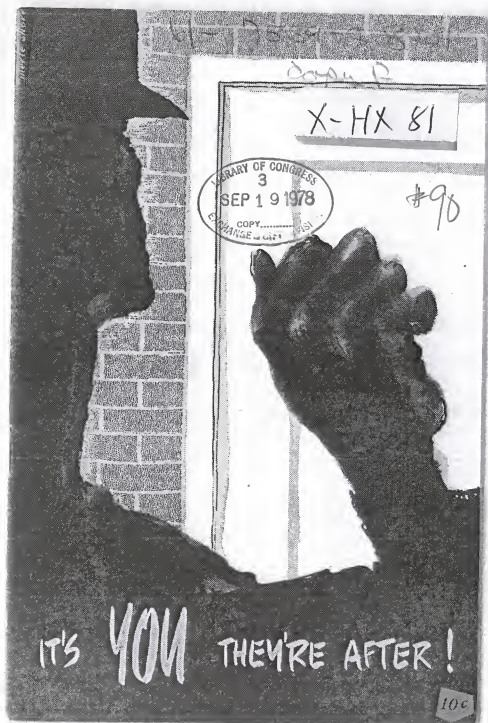
Speak Up for American Democracy. Fight to Preserve It NOW!

**Write or Wire-Your Congressman to Turn Thumbs Down
on All Anti-Labor, Anti-Communist Bills.**

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Pre-Convention Discussion Bulletin—No. 2

FOR A FRANK EVALUATION OF OUR POLICY AND WORK

By WILLIAM A. FOSTER

By WILLIAM A. FOSTER

Our party is now entering upon a vital phase of its life-processes—the pre-convention discussion. This is a very different type of political discussion than that which we have known in the past. It is a discussion of the merits of the various policies and candidates of the Republican and Democratic Parties. The latter is merely a partisan defense of the respective party positions, artificial and leading, attempting to justify them as far as manner of party discipline and the like are concerned.

Whereas, a pre-convention Communist Party discussion is one in which the whole work of the Party is examined in a spirit of cojativity and self-criticism, in which the various policies are weighed upon which, Lenin laid such stress, and never-ending stress, is one of the most dynamic features of Communist political organization. It is a unique feature of Communist democracy and adds a basic element to the freedom of the Party—a strength of Communist Parties all over the world.

In order that our self-critical pre-convention discussion may be productive of beneficial results for the Party, it must be carried on by a responsible spirit—one which takes into account the real problems, policies and resources of the Party, and one which keeps the welfare of the Party and the working class always in the forefront. The Convention Draft Resolution, which is now before the membership for discussion, gives a correct indication of how our Party's policies and activities should be assessed. It evaluates the economic and political situation, the line and strength of the Party, the successes achieved and the weaknesses evidenced.

Leninist self-criticism by no means implies merely singling out individual errors or weaknesses that have developed in the course of the Party life and then firing into them with both barrels. It demands instead a reasoned-out and accurately analysis of the Party's tasks in the given situation and a careful estimate as to how it has met them. To do this requires an appreciation of the Party's success as well as of criticism of its failures. Only by evaluating our victories along with our defeats can we learn, in general, from our Party's experience.

Avoid Two Dangers

As the Party's precursor, the "good" position is two general dangers that must be vigilantly guarded against. First, there is the danger of defending the Party's policies and activities unthinkingly, without any critical or objective analysis. It would add the whole purpose of the discussion and rob the Party of the invigorating criticism that it can receive by clearly understanding its own position. Second, there is the danger that would prevent the Party from learning how to correct its weaknesses. Such a "yes-man" type of position is characterized by bourgeois political parties, and it is precisely this type of position that the Communist Party must guard against. During the Browder regime one of the most deadly weaknesses was precisely this type of position. Consequently, our Party learned the hard way that it must be able to, and it wants to make sure. In the present pre-convention discussion, there must, therefore, be a critical and frank evaluation of our Party's role and position.

The second general danger to be guarded against in the pre-revolutionary discussion is that of irresponsible optimism. This is the tendency to disregard the achievements of the Party and to condemn it to unmeasured terms, for real or imaginary failures. This trend, too, can be very harmful. Since our Party's Convention of last year a number of very successful adventures of the Francis Baskin type or George Brand type or the Vern Smith type have been worn out.

SEND IN YOUR ARTICLE

Comrades are urged to participate in pre-convention discussion through the pages of this bulletin. Articles should be limited to 1200 words, and where the topic permits should be shorter, so that as many contributions as possible can be printed. Exceptions will be made to this limit only where it is impossible to deal with the topic adequately in 1200 words. In these cases the maximum number of words will be 2500.

The deadline for the next issue of the bulletin will be FRIDAY, JULY 2nd.

Comrades are urged to write articles drawing conclusions from experiences in their club, county and state, as well as articles dealing directly with the content of the national resolution.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE

or hided in the class struggle, have been directing communist attacks against every Party. Enemies of the Party, they can see nothing more, if whatever they do and they shoot into it, along with whatever they batter upon every conceivable occasion. One of their major objectives is to inject this anti-Party type of hostile demonstration into our Party under the pretext that it is Leninist self-criticism. There should be no such anti-Party stuff permitted in our pre-convention discussion. The Communists know how to evaluate the achievements of the Party as well as to criticize its shortcomings. They know the difference between Leninist self-criticism and enemy attempts to split the Party.

Our Party now faces political tasks and responsibilities of the very first magnitude. The capitalist system, especially American imperialism, hopes to solve its insoluble, ever worsening problems

PARTY BUILDING AND THE FIGHT FOR NEGRO RIGHTS

By ROSE CHERNIN

Organizational Secretary, 66nd A.D., Los Angeles
In connection with the need to sharply improve
our fight for Negro rights as well as to build a
mass Communist Party, some experiences of our
Party in the 62nd A.D. (in Los Angeles) may be
of value.

Our Section includes a majority of Negro members and works within a Negro community. We registered 63% of our membership in 1947 as compared to 32% in 1946. Unlike similar sections, we not only held our membership, but made a substantial gain. This was done in the face of the increasing attack by reaction on our Party and on the working class, as well as an increased incidence of police brutality against our community.

We faced many problems in our section before registration. The Party in our section had not yet recovered from the revisionist period which blunted and stunned its fighting quality. It did not carry on sufficient independent activity in its own name, in defense of the rights of the people—such as PEPC for housing, against police brutality, against segregation and injustice. Neither was it clarifying the issues, such as the meaning of the Marshall Plan or the danger of war.

We were still operating in large clubs, each club had about 150 members. Contact was usually by mail. The failure of the Party to carry on the struggle of the people landed badly upon the Party. The Party was in a very bad position. We were still in the same situation. We were still in the same situation. We were still in the same situation.

shaking the world afresh into Marx — and you! The Draft Resolution now before the Party for consideration and convention action gives a clear Communist lead as to how the workers and the American people can defeat the present dangerous onslaught of reaction. The Party discussion, calling forth the Communist understanding of our Party membership generally, will surely improve the Resolution very materially. This will be accomplished the most basic purpose of Leninist self-criticism, thus strengthening the line of the Party.

Our Party is under fire from the capitalist enemies as never before. It is confronting an unprecedented barrage of red-baiting and persecution. They are trying to outlaw and destroy it. This is leading our Party membership, filling our Party with the unbeatable unity and dauntless fighting spirit characteristic of Communist Parties all over the world. The pre-convention discussion, by raising our policy to the highest level of which the Party is now capable, by pointing out to us just what our successes and defeats were and how we shall profit from them, will still further solidify our unity and inspire our Communist spirit. And that will be accomplished through other great related purposes of Leninist self-criticism: the intensification of its fighting quality.

As our pre-convention discussion proceeds, as we plunge deeper and deeper into the great political tasks confronting us, let us never forget the supreme necessity of building our Party. In this fundamental matter of Party building, we should learn from our enemies. Just as the capitalists are so fiercely resolved to destroy our Party, so should we be even more determined to build it up. The coming Party Convention, held at a time of deepening world crisis, should make a new high point for our Party, in Marxist-Leninist understanding, in political flexibility, a organizational strength, and in broad mass influence.

press and literature were sold sporadically. There was no social life in the region at all. The white comrades in the leadership aggravated the situation. They were for smaller clubs, but were reluctant to develop a bold cadre policy which would guarantee leadership for these clubs, and bring forward some of the new Negro comrades. They insisted on correcting, amplifying and doing the work of the less experienced and less articulate comrades, who were coming into leadership.

These white comrades, although hard working, well-meaning, and skillful, had no confidence in the ability of the Negro comrades and choked off the potential reservoir of new leaders among the membership. It is our opinion that this is a concealed form of white chauvinism among white comrades, and a real, resolute struggle has to be conducted to help these comrades rid themselves of the chauvinistic ideology of the capitalist class.

The section leadership, in the spirit of self-criticism, faced these problems boldly. It approached registration not as a routine mechanical task, but linked it with the development of the independent role of the Party. The Party undertook the struggle for jobs in the Safeway Stores, and in the Bank of America in our community. We held open air meetings more regularly. We brought forward some of our newer members and improved the educational at our meetings. We initiated a method of visiting or coming and talking to them the activities of their club. We were very transactional in taking them to their group meetings.

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UN ACTION URGED ON SADISTIC MURDER OF 22 ASTURIANS BY FRANCO MILITIA

NEW YORK CITY-(WDL)- A horrible massacre of 22 Asturians by civil guards and Falangist militia of the Franco government in Spain has brought a demand for prompt United Nations action. The demand was made by Rowland Watts, national secretary of the Workers Defense League, in a letter to Secretary of State George C. Marshall, which also urged that a protest be made to the Spanish ambassador in Washington. Watts quoted from a letter by Indalecio Prieto, minister of war in the Spanish Republican government, who describes the gruesome details of the murders.

Prieto's letter says: "Recently, special detachments (of the Civil Guard reinforced by Falangist militia) arrested at their homes 22 citizens just returned from work, solely because they were believed to be active members of the Socialist Party and, therefore, comrades of those that they had not been able to capture in the Asturian mountains. Those minors of the districts of San Martin del Ray Aurelio, Lavinia, Infiesto and adjoining villages were imprisoned for several days, tortured, put to a horrible death.

"The special detachments of Langreo took 22 prisoners to a place called Rena Mayor, and, in that part of the Sierre, under the jurisdiction of the district of Lavinia, where there is a natural well called Pozu Fumores, they were assassinated. How? By being thrown into the well.

"The lucky ones died by the impact of their bodies against the walls; the least lucky, in an excess of suffering, maintained life for several days. Cries of agony came from the well which, when mingled with an insufferable odor, announced the tragedy. The executioners finished them off by exploding, between the dying and the dead, sticks of dynamite which ignited the gasoline they had poured over them. Thus, they were sure that none among them would survive. This was one deed among many others just as terrifying; to be charged up to these infamous detachments."

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(Full text of Indalecio Prieto's letter enclosed)

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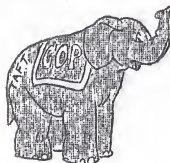
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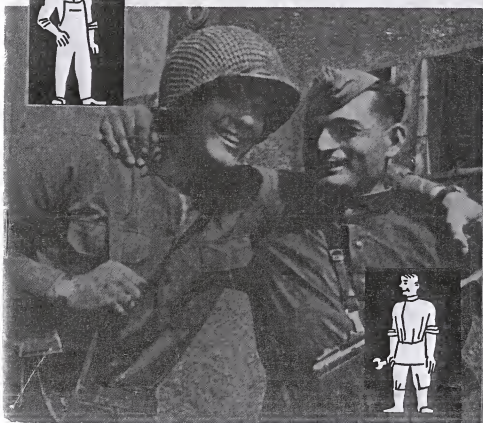
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ON THE MORNING of Friday, June 3, 1949, John Gates, former paratrooper in the U. S. Army, was on the witness stand in Federal Court.

It was the 93rd day of the trial of twelve members of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States, falsely accused under the Smith Law of "conspiring to teach and advocate overthrow of the government by force."

After weeks of testimony by professional stoolpigeons, John Gates—editor of the Daily Worker—was the first of the accused men to testify for the defense.

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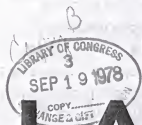
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Break the Economic and Political Sabotage of the Monopolists

By A. BITTELMAN



COMRADES: We again face the threat of an economic crisis in America. It is true that the crisis is not here yet. It also has to be said that the crisis need not come necessarily at this time. But it must be realized that the crisis is maturing and that its outbreak is hastened by the economic and political sabotage of the monopolists.

Stated in brief, the present economic situation could be described as follows: There is taking place a general business decline, a levelling off of nearly all branches of production, with strong recessions in some industries, like steel, whose index of capacity last week stood at 41%. With this, as usual, there began a wave of mass layoffs and transfers of workers to part-time employment. Incomplete figures indicate that about one million workers have already been laid off completely, and that another million has been placed on part-time.

It is clear without much investigation that these sweeping layoffs are totally unjustified by the degree of recession, even when measured by the standards of capitalist profit-making.

No wonder the toiling masses are very uneasy about the situation. They are resentful. They are wondering whether or not a new disaster is coming, like that of 1929. They want to know what is happening and what can be done about it. It is our task to try to answer them.

First of all, what is the matter with the recovery in the United States? That something was the matter, everybody felt right along. It seemed several times during the past three years as though this country was about to get into a new crisis before it got fully out of the old one. But there is no mystery about it. This recovery has been of a special kind. It has not been the same type of recovery from a cyclical economic crisis that capitalist economy normally experienced before the first world imperialist war. A brief glance at the course of recovery will convince you that this is so.

The economic crisis that started in 1929 reached its lowest depth at about the middle of 1932. The index of production for that entire year was 53.8% of 1929. A most unprecedented drop. This point also marked the beginning of the depression phase of the crisis, that is, when the crisis itself began to level out. That phase of the depression lasted over three years until 1935. Also an unprecedented length of time. And the entire course of the recovery, as is seen very clearly in the graphs, will show you a very uneven, zig-zag line, going up and down, up and down.

At about the end of 1936 it was evident that a strong recovery tendency was at work. And many in this country began to talk about a "boom," that is, the approach of

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You paid a high rent this month, didn't you? Compared with your wages you always pay a high rent, don't you?
You paid a lot of money for food this month, didn't you? Compared with your wages, you always pay a lot of money for food, don't you?
You paid a big price for gas, didn't you? Only those who know how cheaply gas can be produced know how big a price you really did pay.
And you paid some electric light bill, didn't you? That is, if you are fortunate enough to be able to have electricity in your house.

Now, just between you and me, isn't it true that when your wages are high, everything you buy is high, and when prices get lower, you are either out of work or have less money to buy things with?

In other words, if you've lived very long, haven't you found that your pocketbook is always flat after you pay your bills, whether a Republican or a Democrat happens to be President or happens to be Mayor. Isn't the cost of existing high whether the city, state or national representative from your district is a Republican, or a Democrat, or a "Reformer," or a Fusionist?

If you like this, you are one of those people who were born to be skinned and are only happy when they are being skinned. But it is my opinion that there are very few who like to be

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Which Party for the American Worker?

Letters to a Worker-Correspondent

By A. J. MUSTE

Fellow Worker:

You have asked me some interesting questions. Why should I join the Workers Party? What is the program of the W. P.? Why was "another" party necessary? Can we not remove the evils from which workers now suffer without revolution?

Workers have every right to ask these questions of us. No worker, indeed, should join the W. P. without carefully considering and understanding our answer to these questions.

I am going to give our answers to them in as straightforward and simple a manner as possible. I hope you will discuss these letters with the other workers in the shop and in your neighborhood about whom you wrote me. We ask nothing except a careful consideration of our program by work class conscious workers. We believe the result will be on their joining the Workers Party ranks.

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HOW WORKERS PARTY BEGAN

First of all I am going to tell you briefly how the W. P. came into existence; for that in itself tells something very important about what kind of a party the W. P. is. The W. P. was launched on December 1, 1934. Thus by the calendar the W. P. is, so to speak, a baby. But this is the case only if you judge by the calendar. In organization, in tradition, in personnel, in program, the W. P. begins its life as a mature party.

For the W. P. did not suddenly descend from the clouds or spring up out of the sea. It is not the result of a "bright idea" in the brain of some individual. The W. P.

A cursory survey of the Communist situation in the present world discloses that there are some countries, as Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Italy, Sweden, Canada, Cuba, South American republics and others where Communism is suppressed or persecuted, press forbidden or censored and leaders jailed often on mere suspicion of being leaders — while in other large and more efficient countries, including the United States, Communist press thrives and leaders openly preach revolution, while the police pretend to be indifferent, yet declaring "we have the situation just in hand."

However it may be elsewhere, we know that in the United States, when there occurs a parade, demonstration or riot, the police know in advance what will take place and are always prepared and waiting to greet the occasion either with white gloves, or with clubs, and then even with bombs and machine guns. This is the routine which never fails. And it means that there are "comrades" who pose as leaders and tip off the police in advance.

(Count one):

When Grover Whalen was police commissioner in New York, he boasted that he knew who are the members of the Communist party and even that he knew their places of occupation. The question presents itself "Where else could he obtain such a list if not from the files of the Communist headquarters?"

(Count two):

On June 16, 1932, the papers printed the news that a man

"who he was arrested according to the filing at Manhattan Police Headquarters this morning that he is Valo Hendricks."

"... Hendricks, police said, came in this city six days ago from Kansas City, Mo., and under the name of 'Joe' was about to become campaign manager for J. Edgar Foster."

Hendricks, of Gastonia, N. C. was sought by his service since 1926. Not till he came to New York and offered his services at the Communist campaign did the ultra-vigilant police arrest him. The police lost no time to explain that he was arrested "in connection with an assault case" in Brooklyn but they "in the meantime had notified the Gastonia authorities of his arrest here."

The "assault case" was mere fabrication. One would expect that the Daily Worker would print a large lead like as they "Spies at the Communist Headquarters?" Of course not.

Next day, June 17, this appeared in the Daily "Man Hild; Cop's Say Is Hendricks."

"According to capitalist press reports, police claim they arrested a man described by them as K. V. Hendricks, who is 300 feet tall and is an other worker in the Gastonia, N. C. strike."

"As the Daily Worker has been known to have been the international labor union, which defended the members in the Gastonia strike, it is not surprising that it is up to the police to label workers."

Hendricks the police have arrested, that if it is a heavy faint is retained in connection to North."

The Daily Worker failed to make a note that H. was nabbed upon entering the election campaign as a manager.

To see what a flimsy excuse by the police is "the assault case" in Brooklyn, one must recall that Hendricks, together with others, was convicted of the murder in 1926 of the Chief of Police, O. F. Alderhol.

Also, the light sentence of seven years for such murder shows that he was an innocent man, only a good Communist. Everybody knows the Gastonia frame-ups. The "comrades" betrayed him to the police because he was a good Communist.

(Count three):

Everyone remembers the unemployment riot of March 6, 1930. At about that time the imperialist powers had arranged to meet in London to discuss the plans of war upon the Soviet Union, whereupon the Communists throughout the world staged demonstrations at the given date. It must have been direct

orders from Moscow to let the workers demonstrate their power.

At that occasion the newspapers in New York knew for a week or more in advance that a battle was coming in the city. The newspapers themselves warned the women of Union Square and dispatched upon the spot the batteries of their photographers to occupy the most advantageous places. It was an, wasn't it? And the battle was staged as per schedule.

So again, who were the leaders who tipped off the press and the police?

Without accusing anybody, let us examine what were the circumstances which placed comrade Foster and others in the leadership of the Party.

Of course nobody can accuse Foster for not being a Communist before the World War. He was an A.F.L. organizer and as such he led the gigantic but unsuccessful strike of Metal Workers. He was also with I.W.W., in what capacity is not clear, but it is known that he quit the group disgusted with their optimism. During the war while Eugene Debs was serving time in Alcatraz, Foster was laboring at the opposite end, to help America win the war, by selling Liberty bonds to stockyard workers whom he had organized in 1917.

Still, we cannot accuse him. It is possible for a patriot to change into a revolutionist almost overnight.

At that time Vladimir Lenin was in Russia. He called the Russian Revolution in Russia. Came the end of the War. Capitalism began to collapse. Gory reports streamed from Russia, with Bolshevik revolution in Europe. Bolshevik revolution in Hungary. Bolshevik government in Munich. Three Bolshevik revolutions in succession in Berlin! The world of Italy going red! The world going Communist at any moment—while reports were streaming from Russia about the collapse of industry, industry running at 2 or 3 percent of the pre-war.

Contrastation struck the capitalist America. The patriots shouted themselves hoarse about Americanism. None but the foreigners could be Bolsheviks, they insisted. A ruthless persecution of foreigners began. All foreign meetings were forbidden, and the police would break in upon a peaceful gathering and bring everyone in to the station—often to find out that it was a theatrical performance or even a church meeting.

But the world goes Bolshevik. Where and who are the leaders? A frantic search for leaders started. And it bore fruit.

(Count four):

One of the police staged one of their raids and the capitalist press announced in large type: "Bolshevik Leader Seized. Wm. Z. Foster himself! The well known A. F. L. leader and peace patriot. It is possible? The news created a big stir. So they got the renegade. And what will they tell to him, being the leader of those whose sole purpose was the overthrow of the U. S. government. Why, Debs got a twenty-year sentence for being a Socialist war objector. . . .

Luck was with Foster. The police proclaimed him a leader, he was soon set free and even a reception was arranged for him and with fitting publicity he was instituted into the local leadership.

At that time leadership among Communists had not yet crystallized. There was Debs, in jail, but he was the Socialist leader known to the Soviet Union, but not claimed by Communists. There was John Reed who was in Moscow and died there. Bill Haywood, who also died in Moscow. Remained Foster. And with his coming another cap appeared—a miracle for those hectic times; the law of Communism was lifted, the Party came into the open with press and speakers, openly began to preach revolution while the police listened and shrugged their shoulders.

(Count five):

To turn again to the Union Square riot. Five of the leaders, including Foster, were arrested. Four of them received the sentence of three years while the fifth, for some unexplained reason, but possibly a blind, got away with two months. After serving only six months of the sentence, all four were pardoned.

We who write this cannot understand this pardon. For, science is a science. We know there was no formal retrial before the pardon. Knowing the capitalist courts as we do, there seems too much discrepancy between three years and six months.

Debs was also pardoned. But his pardon was a matter of amnesty. He was a harmless war objector. The amnesty had been granted at all "was" was after the armistice but stubbornly refused to Debs—a harmless sick old man in jail. It took a world-wide appeal to the act of mercy for Debs.

And here you have the demon revolutionists who had staged a battle that reverberated throughout the country. Cracked skulls and hospital cases were directly charged up to them. Even the Supreme Court of the U. S. would have excused its own authority if it granted such a pardon. Think of Debs, think of Sacco and Vanzetti, Money and Billings and countless others—martyrs, perfectly innocent—and try to explain this pardon. We explain that it must have been a hoax from the FBI's hand.

(Count six):

The above makes the case of Hendricks clearer and while awaiting the explanation of the leaders in question, we'll beg to suggest that while it is hard for an honest leader to detect and eliminate the spies from leadership, it is a simple formality for the spy-leader to throw out the honest ones. We have to move from the Party of Weisskopf, the united leader in textile strike. There were others, too. Refusal to accept Thorey Drosser in the Party also falls to that security matter to become a leader.

(Count seven):

The logical assumption is that the whole organization of the Communist Party is a spy organization. For instance, Unit 10 Section 8 District 2 of the U. S. This stands for the northern part of Brooklyn. And while an ordinary Party member must turn a detective to understand it, it is an open book for the police. How can you explain that such an organization, avowedly for the overthrow of the government, never refuses to talk with the Soviet Union, is given full legality by the same government. We explain that such Sections, Units and Sections are merely a convenient arrangement for the police looking. And more—only a group or unit has a gathering or affair, they notify "their" section and forthwith buries a "comrade" to watch and listen.

Nothing is done without the knowledge of the higher circles, everything is handed down from above. The comrades comply in the Day—only that such policy ties them up, kills their initiative and causes general sterility in their activities.

Just the same, it is an efficient organization, in its line. For how can you explain this: if the police are lined up against the workers, how can the workers, even on a day like May Day, it means that the Communist will file by as much as fumble. But if the police are lined up against the workers, the workers will wear armor, on a day when an outbreak would be least expected, it means that the Communist with the workers will have hats or stones, to be shot at, or killed.

Maybe the police have some sixth sense by which they can foretell how the workers are going to behave, but this can be better explained as follows: the Communist Party is a Section here an order to raise the workers' indignation and then place the police where needed, and let the matters take their course.

This happened in a score of times, mostly in industrial centers, and was a practice for the cops: never mind that they are the starting unemployed—if you see a "Red" club him. While the workers themselves will have indignity and cruelty engraved in their memory—the Police Will Always Beat You.

We all remember the massacre in Detroit when seven workers were killed and some fifty wounded. The instigation by the organization itself, not sporadic occurrences were many, so were they in Chicago. In this connection it is worth noting that all such cases are perpetrated by the organization itself, not sporadic as in Germany. Why are the leaders never molested?

The only visible activity of Sections is to heckle the workers against the police and vice versa, and any pretext is good. For instance, the Japanese in

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South Carolina, leader of the planting interests, led the opposition to the protective tariff. Called special convention, 1832. Ordinance of Nullification, nullifying tariff law and refusing to permit collection of duties. Threat of secession, under slogan of states' rights. States' rights, once progressive doctrine of South and West (agrarian democracy), then reactionary doctrine of Northeast (merchant capital), now, 1832, reactionary doctrine of the South (slave-owners).

Jackson's steps to maintain the Union. Congress' Force Bill. Gradual reduction of the tariff to a point where it was no longer really protective. Postponement of protective tariff until after opening of Civil War.

The tariff as an issue subordinate to slavery. South anti-tariff because it was slave system; slavery rested on one crop, and on absence of industrial development. The high tariff of 1828 and 1832 as a "feeler" of the manufacturing interests; nullification as a "feeler" of the planting interests. Failure of North and West to insist on protective tariff; manufacturers and their allies not yet ready for a show down. Failure of the South to rally to South Carolina; slavery not yet ready for a showdown either. The issue postponed.

Split between Jackson and his vice-president, John C. Calhoun, leader of the slavery, symbolic of the split in the party and beginning of realignment of class and sectional forces and political parties.

2. The Second U.S. Bank. Notes of the bank drove paper currency from circulation, favoring creditors over debtors (rich over poor). Bank discrimination against Jacksonian followers, refusing them loans. It contracted loans in order to produce distress which would reflect on Jackson's administration. First sit-down strike of capital, partial cause of panic of 1837.

The Bank's application for charter renewal. Congress' grant of the charter, and Jackson's veto.

The Supreme Court's support of the charter (case of McCulloch vs. Maryland, 1819). Jackson's disregard of the court.

The class and sectional line-up on the issue: farmers, workers, frontiersmen, planters, against the Bank. Manufacturers, merchants, bankers, for it. Northeast against South and West.

Reading:

1. Board, Charles and Mary: Chapter XIII to p. 573.
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AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. # 111

Comrades - Friends: -

I have been entrusted with a significant task by the convention which you elected this morning to propose national candidates, to tonight's session of our convention.

Your committee, after thorough discussion, has decided unanimously to recommend an action by this convention never before taken by any National Political Party.

We propose that this convention nominate, as its candidate for Vice President a Negro worker - a leader of the oppressed Negro people.

The Negro comrade, whom we will propose, will, in our opinion, make a strong running mate for our presidential candidate, Wm. Z. Foster.

We make this proposal, comrades, not with any vote catching motive. We do it because it corresponds with the fundamental position of the Communist Party, and of those workers who support the Communist Party, on the Negro question. We stand for complete and unconditional equality for the Negroes, - not equality in some narrow, limited sense, but for complete economic, political and social equality. Furthermore, we stand for a solid fighting front of all toilers, Negro and white, to force the granting of such equality now and march forward to the emancipation of all those oppressed by the yoke of capitalist rule.

This is quite different from the position of all other Parties - Republican, Democratic and Socialist - which systematically stimulate race division and race hatred. In this they are only carrying out the policy of the white ruling class the capitalists and landlords.

Their policy is the policy of "Divide and rule". They try to create division between native born and foreign born, between Catholics and Protestants, and between believers and non-believers, and particularly between Negro and white people. They suffer the Negro people a hundred

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THE YOUNG WORKERS' LEAGUE OF AMERICA.
(Adopted by the 1st National Convention, May 13-15, 1922.)

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Sect. 1. The purpose of the organization shall be the Young Workers' League of America.

Sect. 2. The purpose shall be to organize and educate the youth of the working class to understand and take the position in capitalist society. To work for the abolition of capitalism and to aid in the establishment of a Republic of Workers' Control. To secure the abolition of the power of the proletariat in the exclusion of all other classes as the first step towards the establishment of an International Classless Society free from all political and economic slavery.

ARTICLE II. EMBLEM

Sect. 1. The emblem of the Young Workers' League shall be a crossed hammer and sickle on a five-pointed star, surrounded by a circular margin, having at the top the words "Young Workers' League of America", and underneath the words "Clarity and Action."

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Sect. 1. All young (restrictions between the ages of 14 and 30 shall be made) for membership.

Sect. 2. Every applicant for membership shall have expressed his or her willingness to enter and abide by the rules and regulations of the organization, shall have paid the required initiation fee, and must be recommended by two members in good standing in the branch in which application is tendered.

Sect. 3. Every applicant to the organization must become a member of the study class conducted by the particular branch to which he makes application.

Sect. 4. Applicants for membership shall sign the following application card:

"I, the undersigned, declare my adherence to the principles and tactics of the Young Workers' League of America as expressed in its program and constitution; will be bound by its rules and regulations, and affirm that I will actively participate in its work."

Sect. 5. (a) Every applicant for membership shall pay initiation fee and dues when application is made. Final action on acceptance or rejection of the applicant for membership shall be made at the following business meeting. This rule shall apply to the Charter Members of a newly organized branch or to those who make application to the newly organized branch during the first month.

(b) Applicants for membership shall be proposed and accepted only at the regular business meetings of the branch.

(c) Applicants who are unable to pay the initiation fee or dues because of unemployment, strike, or similar reasons, may be admitted and accepted if so recommended by two members in good standing in the branch and if approved by the City Central Committee or City Executive Committee.

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